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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant:   | Michael Grant  | Examiner:        | Kailash C. Srivastava |
| Serial No.:  | 10/539,765   | Group Art Unit:  | 1657                  |
| Filed:       | February 8, 2006   | Docket:          | 1662.004US2           |
| Customer No. | 21186  | Confirmation No. | 2018                  |
| Title:       | METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SELECTIVELY ENRICHING<br>MICROBES |                  |                       |

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 17, 2008, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-42), and as species pathogenic *Escherichia coli*, enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli*, *Escherichia* as target microbe, pH range 2-4, nutritional supplement as selective agent, temperature range about 5°C to about 35°C, organic acid (acetic acid if further election required) and inorganic acid (HCl if further election required). Applicant requests that, at a minimum, the Examiner reconsider the species elections, and at least examine *Shigella* with *Escherichia* as a target microbe and all organic and inorganic acids.

Please also enter the following amendments.